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3 Passports Jail Mystery Visitor Here

Secrecy in Arrest, High Bail on U.S. Fraud Charge

A sullen, silent mystery man, with passports showing he had flitted throughout the western world under assumed names, caused the wires to hum between here and Washington last night.

The man was identified as Francis Parker Yockey, 47, whose arrest on Federal charges of passport fraud came about by a fluke.

"This is definitely a security matter. Both the State Department and the Department of Justice are interested in this man," a Government spokesman said.

FBI Silent

And the FBI would only say, "We have orders not to say anything at all about the case."

But it was learned that Yockey—the name he is currently using—is a matter of "great interest" to the Federal Government's investigative branches.

Indicative of this is the fact that he was held on the passport fraud charge on \$50,000 bail, where the usual bail is around \$5,000.

A spokesman for the U. S. Attorney's office said it would "vigorously oppose" any move for a reduction in bail when Yockey appears before the U. S. Commissioner here this morning.

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Escape Try

Yockey, who claimed to be a cum laude graduate in law from Notre Dame, was arrested in an Oakland home on Monday after he tried to escape from an FBI agent.

Close-mouthed Federal officials would say only that he had flown here—from either Fort Worth or Washington—and had misplaced a suitcase.

When airline representatives found and opened the suitcase, they discovered

three passports, which showed use in Germany, England and Belgium—and all under different names.

But the passport photos in all three books were those of the man calling himself Yockey.

HAND SMASHED

The FBI traced him to an Oakland residence, and went to arrest him there. Agent Robert Leonard came to the door, identified himself, and then Yockey smashed the door on the agent's hand.

Leonard needed 28 stitches in the hand, but chased Yockey to the street outside the home where he and other agents collared the mystery man.

At his booking at the County Jail here, Yockey tried to hide his face, holding a hat in front of it for some 30 minutes.

At the time of his arrest Yockey had \$2,300 cash on his person, and also carried press credentials from a Ger-

man magazine. The credentials carried his picture, but listed still another name.

ANOTHER NAME

Besides the discovery of the passports—made under different names—the FBI learned that when Yockey called the airline and reported his bag missing, he gave still another name.

"This is not a small fish," a Government source said last night. "This is a man that we are very, very interested in."

Sources in Detroit said a man of the same name was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney of Wayne County in 1944 after having practiced law in Mt. Vernon, Ill.



'MYSTERY MAN' JAILED HERE BY
... Francis Yockey possessed three pass

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Mystery Surrounds Man Seized With Fake Passports

Mystery continues to surround the arrest here of a man with three fictitious passports and \$2,300—viewed as a security matter by both the U.S. State and Justice Departments.

He was identified as Francis Parker Yockey, 47, a 1941 cum laude graduate of Notre Dame Law School.

His arrest came about by chance, but since he was taken into custody by the FBI orders came from Washington. At the less said about the dark-haired man the better.

FEDERAL CHARGE

Yockey is being held in San Francisco on a federal charge of passport fraud. Bail was set at \$50,000—10 times the normal amount.

He appeared today before U.S. Commissioner Joseph H. Hirsch in San Francisco at hearing on a motion to have bail reduced.

Highlight of the brief session was when Yockey's attorney, Carl Hoppe, asked permission to have Yockey examined by a psychiatrist. With the statement, "I do not believe he (Yockey) has all his senses."

Yockey tried to fire Hoppe at the spot, but after a conference, they agreed to stay together at least through tomorrow when Karesh continued the hearing.

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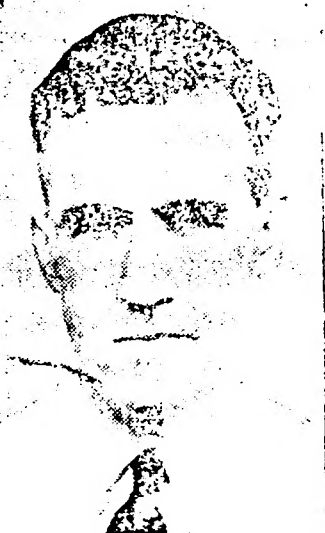
Criminal Atty. J. W. (Jake) Hirsch was at the hearing. Hoppe's request to join the case, he said. He said at present he was not a part of it.

Yockey, meanwhile, would only say "I know my rights."

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office said he could vigorously oppose any reduction in Yockey's bail, in the name of the government's "great interest" in the man.

It was this spokesman who said "this is definitely a security matter."

Yockey was arrested Monday at the Oakland home of a



FRANCIS YOCKEY
\$50,000 Bail Set

friend whom the FBI would not identify. Agents would say only that he had flown here Sunday, either from Fort Worth or Washington, and when he arrived here he discovered he had misplaced a suitcase.

Yockey telephoned the airline. Employees in Fort Worth, meanwhile, found the bag and opened it to identify it. Inside were three passports.

One had been issued to Edward Max Price in Salinas in 1954 and altered to read Edward Max Briceman, the FBI said. Another bore the name of Richard Hatch. The FBI

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declined to say whose name the third passport bore. At three, however, had Yockey's picture on them.

The FBI traced Yockey to the friend's home here, and when agent Robert Leonard came to arrest Yockey, the suspect slammed the door on his hand. Leonard, who later needed 28 stitches in his hand, chased Yockey outside where he and another agent took the man into custody.

BOOKED IN OAKLAND

Yockey was first booked in Oakland on a technical charge of failing to register for the draft, then was whisked over to San Francisco.

He held his hat over his face when newsmen tried to photograph him.

The FBI said the passports in Yockey's suitcase showed use in Germany, England and Belgium. The man also carried press credentials from a German magazine. The identification card carried his picture but another name.

When Yockey reported his suitcase missing to the airline, he gave still another name.

Yockey claims he is a writer, but refused to give a home address.

The FBI said a man with the same name was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County, Michigan, in 1944 after having practiced law in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

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Mystery Man Seized With 3 Passports

A 47-year-old man of many names was held here yesterday in a passport-fraud case that apparently baffled even the FBI and the State Department.

Pure chance brought his arrest. His suitcase had gone astray and airline employees seeking to identify it found it contained three different passports—all with the same photograph.

He was booked as Francis Parker Yockey, a cum laude law graduate of Notre Dame, and held here while Federal officials sought to have an exceptionally high bail of \$50,000 set. "There are lots of unanswered questions, and we want to be sure he'll be around to answer them," one official said.

ESCAPE TRY

He had already made one violent attempt to escape when first being questioned at the home of an unidentified friend in Oakland, FBI agents reported.

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The case of the straying suitcase began on Sunday when Yockey arrived in Oakland to visit his friend—unnamed because FBI agents believe he was not involved in any fraud.

Yockey discovered one bag was missing from his luggage, and telephoned the airline. Airline employees in Fort Worth, Texas, meanwhile, had found the missing bag and opened it to identify it.

PASSPORTS

Inside were three passports. One, issued to Edward Max Price in Salinas in 1954, had been altered later to read "Edward Max Brice-man," FBI agents and State Department officials said. They refused to reveal the names on the other two passports; but all three bore Yockey's own photograph, they said.

The airline notified the FBI, which sent agents to return the bag to Yockey on Monday at the Oakland address of his friend. Yockey tried to flee, FBI Agent Edward Cunningham said at yesterday's bail hearing before U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh.

FBI agent Robert Leonard tried to restrain Yockey, Cunningham said, but Yockey eluded him—and slammed door violently on Leonard's restraining hand, gash-

ing it so badly many stitches were required to close the cut. Yockey fled from the house, but agents recaptured him in the street outside.

Held on a temporary charge of failing to have registered for the draft, Yockey was transferred to custody in San Francisco yesterday on a passport fraud charge filed by State Department agents.

FBI agents said Yockey "claims to be a writer, but won't give any address." When agents first sought to question him Monday, they said, he gave his name as Richard Hatch.

Yockey interrupted yesterday's bail hearing twice—

once to shout that FBI testimony was a lie, and again to insist that "I know my rights" because he was a graduate of Notre Dame Law School in 1941. The FBI later confirmed this.

Commissioner Karesh said he would continue the bail hearing at 10 a. m. today. At one point in yesterday's proceedings he made it clear he was as puzzled as anyone else by the unusual case.

"I don't know what you may have in your minds," he cautioned the Government agents, "but to justify this kind of bail, you're going to have to make a case—on the record."



FRANCIS P. YOCKEY
Just one of his names

Assistant U. S. Attorney William P. Clancy Jr. had explained that the high bail was necessary "because of the unusual circumstances of this case." (His office later told reporters that the staff had been instructed "by Washington" not to discuss the case further.)

State Department officials here said that the passport bearing the name "Brice-man" showed its holder had traveled extensively in England, Germany and Belgium.

At the time of his arrest, Yockey had \$2300 in cash in his pockets and was also carrying press credentials from a German magazine, they said—credentials including his own picture but another alias.

Richard Auerbach, special agent in charge of the FBI here, said last night:

"You think it's a mystifying case? Well, we just wish we knew more about it, too."



UPI TELEPHOTO.
FRANCIS PARKER HOCKEY, 47, shown after his arrest in San Francisco on federal charges of passport fraud, came about by a fluke through a misplaced suitcase. The bag contained three passports, showing use in Germany, England and Belgium, all in different names. A federal official said, "This is not a small fish . . . this is a man we are very, very interested in."

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Ex-Prosecutor Aide Arrested

A former Wayne County assistant prosecutor is held by the FBI under \$50,000 bond in San Francisco. Three passports, at least one falsified, were found in his luggage, the FBI said.

The man is Francis Parker Yockey, 47, an assistant prosecutor here from September until December, 1944.

The FBI explained the high bail:

"There are lots of questions that haven't been answered and we want him around."

A SPOKESMAN for the FBI in Washington said the bureau had a "whole bundle of material" on Yockey.

Yockey, who gave Manistee as his hometown passed the state bar examination Oct. 4, 1941.

He told the FBI he was a cum laude graduate of Notre Dame University law school in June, 1941.

Yockey was arrested after his suitcase was found in Fort Worth at an airline office. It was opened for identification and the three passports were found inside, the FBI said.

Yockey was seized at a friend's house in Oakland, Cal. He was arraigned on charges of making false statements on a passport and alterations of a passport.

ONE OF THE passports was issued to Edward Max Price and later altered to read Edward Max Bricemen, the FBI said. Agents refused to reveal the names on the other two passports.

State department officials said the passport bearing the name "Bricemen" showed its holder had traveled extensively in England, Germany and Belgium.

Yockey reportedly had

\$2,500 on his person and credentials from a German magazine. State department officials said the credentials had Yockey's picture but another alias.

THE FBI said Yockey claimed to be a writer and refused to give his address.

Yockey was a political appointee as assistant prosecutor under William E. Dowling. He was assigned to the criminal division, at a \$2,000 salary and raised after a month to \$4,500, according to county civil service records.

He resigned, apparently because Dowling had been defeated for re-election and it was apparent that Dowling's successor, Gerald K. O'Brien, had planned to replace him.

Yockey gave 705 Trumbull as his address when appointed.

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Nab Mystery Man

Francis Parker Yockey, 47, is shown after his arrest in San Francisco on charges of passport fraud. The arrest came about by a fluke through a misplaced suitcase. It was discovered that Yockey, a silent, sullen, mystery-man, had three passports showing use in Germany, England and Belgium, all in different names. He is being held on \$50,000 bail on a charge in which the usual bail is \$5000. A Federal official said, "This is not a small fish... this is a man we are very, very interested in."

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Sister Visits Mystery Man

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11 (AP).—Francis Parker Yockey, 47, a mystery man held in San Francisco on a passport fraud charge, was visited by his sister in city prison today. She left his cell 20 minutes later in tears, crying "I don't know" to reporters' questions.

The sister, Mrs. William Coyne, wife of Navy Commander Coyne of 9202 Cedar lane, Bethesda, Md., flew into San Francisco and visited the prison accompanied by her brother's chief attorney, Carl Hoppe, who is in civil practice in San Francisco.

Mr. Hoppe interjected "no comment" to all questions addressed to Mrs. Coyne. But she did answer, "I don't know," to such questions as to how long she intended to stay here and whether she would attend legal proceedings involving her brother, a one-time legal expert at the war crimes trials at Nuremberg, Germany.

Mr. Yockey is described in B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League files as an associate of anti-Semites and author of a "master thesis on Fascist strategy," called "Imperium" and published in London.

Mr. Yockey, going under another name, was arrested by the FBI at the home of a synagogue religious educator, Alex Scharf, in Oakland Monday after a suitcase he had claimed at an airline was opened. The FBI said three passports made out in different names bearing Mr. Yockey's picture were in the suitcase.

Mr. Yockey, who is charged with both passport fraud and resisting an officer, is sched-

uled to appear before United States Commissioner Joseph Karesh Monday for argument on a defense motion to reduce bail, now set at \$50,000. Mr. Hoppe has said he may decide to

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Both Sides Favor Yockey Mind Test

Consideration of Francis Yockey's plea for a \$50,000 bail, which has kept him in jail on passport fraud charges, was delayed another 4 hours yesterday to let him switch counsel.

And tomorrow, the U. S. Attorney's office announced, will ask a Federal District Court judge to have the allegedly Fascist-minded attorney's head examined.

Assistant U. S. Attorney William P. Clancy Jr. said Yockey's courtroom conduct and his 1943 Army discharge as a case of "dementia praecox, paranoid type" make a mental test wise.

ATTORNEY AGREES

In this, he has the enthusiastic backing of Yockey's attorney of the moment, Earl Hoppe, and U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh, who said he was going to suggest the prosecution didn't. Yockey, arrested in Oakland June 6 by the FBI after his baggage turned up three passports under assumed names and indications of lots more, has a record of Nazi and Fascist sympathies. According to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

In yesterday's session before Commissioner Karesh, Yockey complained about laundry facilities in the county jail, and sanitary facilities in the U. S.

Marshal's cage at the Post Office building, alleged inability to get in contact with his attorneys, and some trouble about seeing his two sisters who have rushed to his aid.

MAD AT TV

He also banned television cameramen from the hearing—until a former ground crewman for the German Luftwaffe assured him in German:

"It's all right. You are among friends."

Yockey promptly bestowed exclusive further picture rights upon the cameraman, Bernie Rausch, who fled Germany under a Nazi death sentence and now is an American citizen. He is employed by station KPIX.

For the rest of the press corps, the 47 year old mystery man had one comment, after being asked if he has ever been to Russia:

"You dirty swine, get out of here."

Hoppe at the outset asked permission to withdraw as Yockey's counsel, pointing out: "I'm a patent lawyer without any experience in this matter at all." Later, attorney Emmet Hagerty showed up and said he may take over the case.

Yockey, complaining that he hasn't had a chance to wash the white shirt he has

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worn for seven days, won a half-hour recess to talk to his sisters. They are Mrs. Alice Spurlock, a Gilroy hospital X-ray technician who flew back from a Honolulu holiday, and Mrs. William Coyne, of Bethesda, Md., wife of a Navy commander.

Each was armed with a well thumbed copy of the U. S. Constitution. And after the new delays were agreed upon, Mrs. Coyne leaped to her feet and waved one.

"According to the Constitution," she said, "no one shall be held upon excessive bail. And there is nothing in the Constitution about a mental examination."

DEAD ISSUE

The commissioner explained that since the first request for a mental examination came several days ago from Yockey's own attorney, and the continuances also had been upon defense request, the question of reducing bail was a dead issue—for now.

Yockey was arrested at the Oakland home of Alexander Scharff, who until recently was principal of the religious school at Temple Beth Abraham.

Scharff has vanished. An investigative source said his disappearance has not been explained, and theorized that Yockey had wormed his way

into the missing educator's home through letters from a mutual acquaintance in western Europe.



PRINCIPAL IN PASSPORT CASE CONFERS WITH HIS SISTERS
... Francis P. Yockey with Mrs. Vinette Coyne, Mrs. Alice Spurlock

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New Charges Fly In Passport Probe

The Government and the man of many passports, Frank Parker Yockey, argued themselves to a legal standstill again yesterday.

A Federal prosecutor said the flamboyant traveler should stay under \$50,000 bail and get mental tests because, among other items, he planned a County Jail break yesterday morning and has threatened suicide twice.

Between them, Yockey and his new attorney called those claims a tissue of tripe and argued with spirit for a moderate bail that can get him out of prison until his trial on charges of passport fraud. As the 47 year old attorney, begged by the Anti-Defamation League as a leading Fascist of the day, solemnly advised U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh:

"Somebody is not telling the truth."

The net result was one more day of postponement. This morning, Karesh again will tackle Yockey's application for a bail cut. An hour later, Federal District Judge William T. Sweigert promises to rule on the Government's bid to have the prisoner's sanity checked.

Also today, the Federal grand jury will start considering the case of Yockey, consistent traveler to far-off places whose mislaid baggage was found accidentally to contain three passports with his picture but with three other names.

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PHILLIP GALATI
... Yockey's cellmate



JACK FAMBROUGH
... recruited for escape

assistant U. S. Attorney, told the commissioner that Yockey alternately has plotted freedom or death.

AFTER TRANSFER

The day after his arrest, Yockey voiced suicide intentions in Oakland City Prison, according to the prosecutor, and a possible death weapon was found—a comb with its teeth removed.

Another death wish was uttered, said Clancy, after his transfer to the County Jail here. But the summit of his planning, alleged the federal attorney, was an escape attempt that flopped because the co-conspirators he recruited told it all immediately to the FBI.

Clancy said Yockey proposed to free one fellow Federal prisoner from County Jail on \$1,000 bail, with the assignment of getting a gun and hiding by the County Jail entrance in Dunbar Alley.

He was to waylay the U.S. Marshal's assistants, when they came in their van for the daily pickup of Federal prisoners headed for court appearances. Yockey and his second pal were to make a run for it.

The mystery man's pen

pals were identified to The Examiner as Jack Fambrough, 27, and Phillip Galati. Fambrough, confessed participant in a holdup of the Oakland Army Terminal PX, was due for sentence yesterday but the case was postponed to today.

NEW ATTORNEY

For his new attorney yesterday morning, Yockey had Emmet Hagerty, a veteran criminal attorney. He took over from Carl Hoppe, who had pleaded all the time that he was a patent attorney and inexperienced in matters of this sort.

SISTER SUMMONED

Among those for whom subpoenas were issued, the Examiner learned, were Alexander Scharff, the Jewish religious teacher in whose Oakland home Yockey was arrested June 6, and one of Yockey's sisters, Mrs. Alice Spunk, a Gilroy hospital X-ray technician.

Scharff is missing. Yockey claimed in court yesterday that the FBI has seized him. If so, the FBI hasn't told the subpoena servers, who were unable to find Scharff anywhere.

William P. Clancy Jr., an



I shall write no messages
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You will never discover who
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Mystery Man Suicide

FRANCIS P. YOCKEY, shown at left, committed suicide with poison in his cell in county jail here early today as he awaited federal hearing and trial for possession of several passports bearing different names. He left behind a note, found alongside his body, which is reproduced above. The mystery man hinted in

the last sentence that there was an unidentified person allied in some strange intrigue. Yockey had been refused release on heavy bail because U. S. attorneys had warned federal court that Yockey previously had threatened suicide. He had been searched for poison before death but no trace was found.

Passport Mystery Man Kills Himself

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Francis P. Yockey, 43, the passport mystery man, committed suicide in jail here last night.

His death—by poison—was as puzzling as his life.

A taunting suicide note scribbled in pencil said only this:

"I shall write no message, which I know will never be delivered—only this, which will be:

"You will never discover who helped me, for he is to be found in your own multitudinous ranks, at least outwardly."

He thus hinted again in death, as he had in life, at some strange intrigue.

FBI AND STATE Dept. agents immediately entered the investigation because Yockey was being held on a passport-fraud charge, a federal offense.

His death at first had the appearance of being natural; Yockey was stretched out on his cot as if asleep.

No bottles or other possible containers of poison were found.

Yockey wore underwear and shoes.

And then the note was found beneath a blanket folded carefully under the dead man's head.

IT WAS on a 4 by 5 1/2 inch sheet of lined paper of

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the type given prisoners to write letters.

Deputy Coroner James Prideaux then found the inside of Yockey's lips had been seared or dehydrated, indicating he had taken poison. Exactly what kind will be found by autopsy.

As a precaution against suicide, Yockey had been searched only two days before, and his death only deepens the mystery surrounding his life.

HE HAD been moved to a new cell after the police learned of earlier suicide threats and an escape plot.

Because of this, everything he could use for suicide had been taken from him and he had been placed where jailers could keep eye on him.

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Yockey's relationship with Scharf has never been explained.

Scharf was a teacher in an East Bay Jewish school, while Yockey had a reputation as a man of Nazi sympathies.

SCHARF HAS been missing since Yockey's arrest.

A subpoena was issued for him by the federal grand jury, which is attempting to make some sense out of the case, but bailiffs could not find him.

Scharf, reportedly a Czechoslovakian citizen, came here after World War II and entered Hebrew education.

His job was as an instructor at Temple Beth Abraham's school in Oakland. His work was unsatisfactory and the school had determined to release him even before his involvement with Yockey.

BOTH THE FBI and the S. attorney's office still refuse, even after Yockey's death today, to give more than bare facts on his life. On grounds that others may be involved in whatever engaged Yockey.

The FBI, however, supplied this biography:

Yockey was born Sept. 18, 1917, in Chicago.

Universities he attended were Michigan, Arkansas, Georgetown, DePaul, Northwestern and Notre Dame.

He got his law degree from Notre Dame—cum laude, with honors—and started practice in Detroit.

YOCKEY WAS in the Army in 1942-43, in the Detroit prosecuting attorney's office after that, and then a few months in a government job in 1945.

He was with the Army judge advocate's office in Germany in 1946, and in London, 1947-49.

In the early '50s, Yockey

was with the American Red Cross in Germany.

He later served with the Red Cross at Fort Custer, Mich., and Fort Hood, Tex.

YOCKEY SAID he had worked for the War Dept. during the Nuernberg war crimes trials.

The Jewish Anti-Defamation League charged Yockey came here to contact ultra-right-wing and anti-Semitic elements.

It was broadly hinted here he might be involved in some sort of international Fascist organization.

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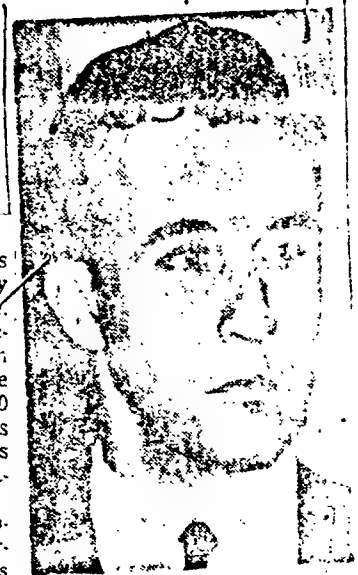
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MAN HELD IN FRAUD IS SUICIDE ON COAST

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Yockey was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 6 and held in lieu of \$10,000 bail after three passports bearing his picture and name were found in a suitcase belonging to him. William Clancy Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, said:

"This appears to be a systematic and well-planned operation in passports, the purpose of which we do not know."

F. B. I. agents said Yockey had used the passports on trips to Germany, England and Belgium. Deputy Coroner Paul Greene said a tiny dose of cyanide killed Yockey.

A cellmate, Adam Nieman, said Yockey had told him he would kill himself and that he apparently feared he might reveal information about associates.

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Probe Possible Link to International Plot

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Yockey

Yockey, who had been held in city prison since his arrest by federal agents in Oakland on June 6, was found dead in his cell. Coroner Paul Green said he killed himself with cyanide.

But his death didn't stop an extensive investigation into his background. It was learned that a federal grand jury here has no intention of ending the inquiry begun with his arrest, and that it will continue on the theory others may be involved in a passport ring with sinister implications.

Study His Travels
Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, state department, United States attorney's office, and police lived anew into Yockey's record of wanderings in European countries and reports

of neo-Nazi writings and associations with fascist groups.

Yockey's sister, Mrs. William D. Coyne, wife of a navy commander stationed at Bethesda, Md., said her brother was "not an anti-communist," and that he "was an anti-Zionist."

FBI agents found in Yockey's luggage three passports and seven birth certificates, all bearing different names but with his photograph on all of the passports.

High Bail Stirs Interest

Yockey was visiting at the home of Alexander Sharff in Oakland when federal agents seized him. It was reported that Sharff has since disappeared and is being sought. The high bail of \$50,000 set in federal court to guarantee Yockey's appearance on a charge of passport fraud aroused interest in his background.

He said he was a cum laude graduate of the University of Notre Dame law school in 1941. He also had been a student at Georgetown university.

He served as an assistant county prosecutor in Detroit and was an assistant prosecutor in the Nuremberg war crimes trial. He was said to have written six books, mostly concerning trends in governments. He was in Chicago in 1947 and was then reported to be living at Godfrey, Ill.

Sister Kept in Dark

His whereabouts in the following years was obscure. His sister, who came here and visited him in jail after his arrest, said she hadn't heard from him for 10 years but "guessed he was in Europe." She didn't know where he got money for his travels. She said he spoke French, German, and Italian fluently.

"He was an anti-Zionist but not an anti-Semitic," she said. "He was aware of everything that went on in the world."

"He was not an anti-communist. He felt that Russia has a role to play in world

history. He felt that every country has a destiny. One of his books was entitled 'American Destiny.'"

Final Note Puzzling

Federal agents gave no indication they have been able thus far to solve the mystery of Yockey's life. Even a note Yockey left was strange. Written on a torn piece of foolscap, it read:

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They'll seek information in Israel regarding the whereabouts of Alex B. Scharf, missing key witness in the Yockey case.

FRANCIS YOCKEY was arrested at the Oakland home of Scharf, a teacher in a Jewish religious school, who was gone when FBI agents went back to ask questions.

Asst. U. S. Atty. William F. Clancey said the search for Scharf turned up the name of William Slomovich, 35, onetime San Jose court reporter and reputed "close associate" of the missing man.

Clancey said agents seeking to question Slomovich found he had sailed from New York last week on a ship bound for Haifa, Israel.

CLANCEY SAID he has asked State Department representatives to be on hand when the ship docks to seek an "interview" with Slomovich.

He said they hope he may have some idea of Scharf's whereabouts.

Clancey said there was no reason to believe that Scharf himself had fled to Israel

and that he personally doubted the missing man would want to get that far away from the United States.

"You know he's an alien (Scharf was born in Czechoslovakia)," Clancey said, "and he would find it difficult if not impossible to get back in the country if he left under these circumstances — and he likes it here."

YOCKEY A neo-Fascist, had hinted before his death that he might be engaged in some sort of international intrigue.

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Last Friday he was found dead of poison in the county jail, where he was being held pending a mental examination.

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Yockey's Pal Says He'll Talk---Later

Alex B. Scharf said in Havana, Cuba, yesterday that he could and would—at the right time—explain the mystery of his late pal, Francis P. Yockey, the neo-Nazi who swallowed cyanide here two months ago.

But Scharf wasn't saying when the right time will be. Nor did he say when he planned to return from Cuba.

Federal officials want to talk to Scharf about Yockey's passport frauds and anything else they can learn about the mysterious neo-Nazi.

They would like to learn, too, if Scharf knows how Yockey got the cyanide with which he committed suicide in the San Francisco County Jail.

The FBI arrested Yockey in Scharf's apartment in Oakland. The next day Scharf disappeared.

The big puzzler was what could have been the bond between Yockey, author of books extolling Naziism, and Scharf, teacher at a Jewish school and said to be a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp in World War II.

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His movements in Europe from 1951 to 1960 are unknown. Most of his friends believed he must have been killed. But on June 9, 1960 the San Francisco Bay Area papers screamed the headline news that a "mysterious stranger" had been picked up in Oakland on June 6 with three passports! The FBI, State and Justice Departments were intensely interested, it was reported. He was held for \$50,000 bail. His name? *Francis Parker Yockey!*

From the start, the affair was headline news in San Francisco. *But it was all efficiently suppressed in other sections of the country.*

Next began a fantastic series of illegalities and violations of due process of law unparalleled in the U.S. since the Atlanta synagogue bombing, when five youths were almost "legally" lynched for bombing a synagogue actually bombed by an agent of the ADL. (All this was reported in RIGHT 38, 39, 40, 41, 42.) Here are a few of the illegalities and civil rights violations that Yockey suffered: (1) The FBI arrested him without a warrant, violating the 4th Amendment. (2) His bail was set at \$50,000 by Judge Joseph Karesh, an ordained rabbi. (At one time Karesh said he wished it was \$150,000.) The 8th Amendment bars excessive bail. Normal bail for passport fraud—the only charge against him—is \$5,000. (3) He suffered cruel and unusual punishment in the County Jail. (4) The papers accused him of doing things he never did and saying things he never said, whipping up public hatred and ridicule of him. (5) He was denied interviews with friends and even his sisters had to receive special and begrudging permission to see him.

PUNISHMENT

His first attorney, a well-meaning but ignorant patent lawyer—a friend of the family—pulled the biggest boner. Having had two relatives "cured" in insane asylums, and unable to comprehend a man with an intellect infinitely superior to his own, he suggested to rabbi Karesh that Yockey needed a mental examination. This was the chance that rabbi Karesh was looking for. "The merits of the case have nothing to do with it," he agreed, "This man needs a mental examination."

In an effort to justify these and other brazen illegalities, and trying to whip up public ignorance of the Yockey affair, Stanley Jacobs, official of the San Francisco Anti-Defamation League, publicly branded Yockey a "top fascist" who was "pro-Russian and anti-American." He was widely quoted.

Then another bombshell. It was revealed that the friend at whose home Yockey was captured was Alex Scharf, former Auschwitz prisoner who had escaped the "gas chambers." Mystified reporters wondered how "anti-Semite" Yockey could have a confirmed Semite for a friend. The ADL had no answer.

2 As Yockey lay on his cot in jail, he must have considered his predicament as objectively as he could. The pattern had now become clear; his fate was planned. *No jury trial was to be allowed.* He had counted on a jury trial. Instead, he was to be declared insane and indefinitely held. He could expect unending grilling—mental torture and perhaps physical torture, too, and finally . . . a frontal lobotomy; his mind sterilized. Worst of all, he thought, there is the public scorn. For a man like Yockey, ridicule was unbearable.

What hope had he? No newspapers outside of San Francisco were carrying the story. He was denied elementary civil rights that every Communist received. No one seemed to care; he was cut off from the outside, lonely, forgotten.

ESCAPE

He still had a trump card. Should he use it? He could escape his persecutors this way, and cheat them of their feast. In any event, he had made his contribution to the world with his book. His suicide would attract some attention; perhaps some people would wonder why a man would die for his beliefs and investigate by reading his book!

He made his decision, and his jaw set. He turned toward his cellmate and cryptically said, "I'll sleep through 'til morning."

The lights went out at nine, that Thursday evening. In the dark he felt for the hidden capsule. Yes, it was still there. Potassium cyanide is very quick.

ANTHEM

The following morning his sister was told. With a heart full of agony she murmured, "He felt that he was not going to receive a fair trial . . . and he was right. Now—all of that talent and brilliance—gone!"

Although the tragic death of Francis Parker Yockey has enabled the ADL to finally close its bulky file on him, it is Pyrrhic victory. For his death has made Yockey a martyr to the ideas for which he sacrificed his entire life, and these ideas would not die if there were a thousand ADLs. They will live on, rooted and nourished now in an ever-increasing number of minds until the outcome of the final battle of the Western world either assures them of everlasting triumph or obliteration.

The world already owes a great debt to Francis Parker Yockey. Let his noble life be an example to inspire our own nobility and his tragic death be a rebuke to our own cowardice and guilt. And let his watching spirit witness our perpetual and increased hostility towards the "inner enemy" which, by killing Yockey, gives birth to a brighter fire of self-sacrifice for ourselves.

Oh God, may his great, troubled soul, purged now of the self-assumed burden of responsibility he bore, at last find the peace and rest he never thought of seeking in life.

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SUBJECT: FRANCIS PARKER YOCKEY

FILE NUMBER: 121-0-4812

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: October 1, 1951

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FRANCIS PARKER YOCKEY
Applicant
Stuttgart Military Post
APO 154
Department of the Army
- LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES -

Attached herewith is a copy of a "sensitive" loyalty form concerning the captioned individual.

Reference is made to a letter to the Civil Service Commission from the FBI dated August 10, 1948, concerning Alice O'Rear Yockey, Clerk-Stenographer - Applicant, Department of the Army, Loyalty of Government Employees. There were transmitted to the Civil Service Commission under cover of referenced letter copies of the reports from an investigation of Alice O'Rear Yockey. These reports reveal that Alice O'Rear Yockey is the wife of the captioned individual. All information contained in the files of this Bureau concerning the loyalty of this applicant appears in the reports concerning his wife, Alice Yockey. (121-8634-18)

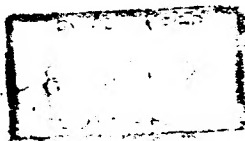
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REQUEST FOR REPORT OF LOYALTY DATA ON APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES

THIS FORM TO BE USED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES
WHERE RECORD CHECKS AND INQUIRIES ARE CONDUCTED
BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(PART 1—EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835)

CASE SERIAL NO.
(CSO use only)

4. 52. 26421

TO: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the U.S. Civil Service Commission
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

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|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable) | (Surname) YOCKEY | (Given name) FRANCES | (Middle or other names) PARKER |
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| 2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES None | 3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST |
|---|-------------------------|

4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number, passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which)
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| 5. PLACE OF BIRTH Chicago, Illinois | 6. DATE OF BIRTH September 18, 1917 | 7. TITLE OF POSITION Sens. |
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| 8. SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE | 9. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED | 10. IF MARRIED, GIVE SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH Alice Macfarlane Yockey, November, 1918, San Antonio, Texas |
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| 11. DATE OF APPOINTMENT | 12. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARY <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE (Cite Civil Service or other legal authority) |
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13. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS
**Michigan Bar Assn. (inactive, non-dues paying)
Illinois Bar Assn. American National Red Cross**

| From | To | Street | City | State |
|---------|----|--|----------------------|-------|
| 1941-42 | | Thompson & Lannin (Law firm) | Mt. Vernon, Illinois | |
| 1942 | | US Army | | |
| 1942-43 | | 705 Trumbull Street | Detroit, Michigan | |
| 1944-45 | | 203 Seward St. | | |
| 1946 | | Germany - Government Billets in various cities | | |
| 1947 | | Clifton Terrace Road | Godfrey, Illinois | |
| 1947 | | Brittas Bay near | Wicklaw, Ireland | |

15. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS *continued on next page*

| Date | Employer | Address |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1941-42 | Thompson & Lannin (Law Firm) | Mt. Vernon, Illinois |
| 1942 | US Army | |
| 1942-3 | Private Law Practice | Detroit, Michigan |
| 1944 | Prosecuting Attny. Police Hdq. | |
| 1945 | OPA - Rent Control | |
| 1951 | American Red Cross | Ft. Custer, Fort Hood |
| 1946 (1 year) | War Department JA | Germany |

| 16. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED BELOW: | | |
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| 17. THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RETURN REPORT TO AGENCY WHERE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED <i>See reverse side.</i> | 18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTING AGENCY Stuttgart Military Post APO 154, US Army Civilian Personnel Officer |
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See letter dated October 21, 1951, to

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INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 85

1. This form (Standard Form 85) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to applicants for Federal employment and persons appointed to Federal positions after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part 1 of Executive Order 9835.
2. All items must be filled in. If the answer is "No" or "None", so state.
3. The Fingerprint Chart (Standard Form 87) of the applicant or appointee must be submitted with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
4. If additional space is needed in filling in Items 14 and 15, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number of this form, and attach.
5. If the receiving agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in Item 16.
6. Item 17 is reserved for use in reporting on this request when no derogatory information is developed.
7. Whenever information is developed the report will be covered in Item 19 above.
8. For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual, Chapter I 2.

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